

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Minor modifications have been made to the title. No claims have been amended or added. Claims 19-37 have been canceled. Claims 38-45 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement, in which the examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 19-37, drawn to a method, and
- II. Claims 38-45, drawn to an apparatus;

applicant provisionally elects invention II (claims 38-45) without traverse for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention(s).

III. CLOSING REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

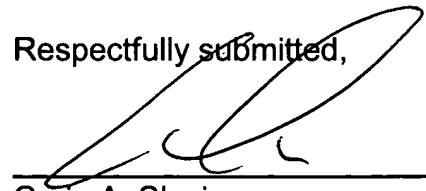
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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